

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 19 are in the case.

With this amendment, Applicant has revised Claim 1 to more clearly and precisely define the invention. The invention clearly now resides in a method consisting essentially of the steps of allowing the pig manure to decant, separating the pig manure into liquid and solids portions, mixing the liquid portion with the quarry fines to reduce the phosphorus content thereof, and thereafter separating the liquid portion from the quarry fines to provide a liquid suitable for use as a fertilizer.

The primary reference of Kruidhof as applied in the final Office Action clearly cannot respond to the limitations of Claim 1. In Kruidhof, the patentee teaches an extensive pre-treatment using enzymes and which must be maintained at a relatively high temperature to maintain a high phosphate content in the liquid. This is completely contrary to what Applicant does wherein there is a decanting step to allow the maximum phosphate content in the solids portion.

New Claims 11 to 19 defining a further aspect of the invention have been added to the case.

It is now believed that all claims on file clearly and patentably define over the prior art of record and that this application is in order for allowance.

Respectfully,

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